

Elsworth Scrapbook 1897 to 1990

Facts, Features and (occasional) Fallacies
reported in Cambridge Newspapers

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1901 04 02

Elsworth death, p3

1903 02 05

Application was made for a new full licence in respect of the former Three Horseshoes at Knapwell. It was discontinued as the former owner had extreme views on the temperance question and purposely shut the house up. The nearest public house was at Elsworth and if a man had to walk two miles to fetch his supper beer there was a great temptation for him to have more before he left. It was the wish of the inhabitants that they should have some means of obtaining drink in the village. Many lives were saved by the prompt administration of brandy during an illness; cases might frequently occur at Knapwell and lives be lost through there being no stimulant brandy.

1906 06 30

Isaac Wilderspin, implement maker of Elsworth won first prize in an international competition for the best non-skid tyre for bicycles. The trial lasted five days with machines tested on a slanting asphalt track, besmeared with Thames mud and soft soap before being sent on a 300 mile run on the high road. It was ridden by W. Tolliday of the firm of Parker and Son, cycle makers of St Ives. Now he has invented a similar tyre for motor cars. 06 06 30a

1909 06 25

Elsworth farmer's barley – Papworth – 09 06 25

1909 07 30

Before last June newspapers were received in Swavesey through the railway or by post. They had to be fetched from the station or came by the midday delivery and few people indulged in the luxury of a daily paper. Then W.F. Gleaves of High Street became agent for the 'Daily Mail' and later supplied all newspapers. Daily papers are now delivered immediately after receipt by the 8.25 train and certain London dailies arrive earlier. Under the old arrangement postal or railway charges had to be added to the cost of the paper. Now even in Elsworth, six miles distant, papers are delivered for face value.
CWN 09 07 30

1909 08 27

Elsworth - Alfred Wilderspin emigrate to Texas, USA – CWN 09 08 27

1910 11 18

On Saturday evening a traction engine belonging to Messrs Pamplin of Cherry Hinton was passing through Boxworth with two trucks of coal. When near the Brickyard Gate the plug was blown out, causing a stoppage of several hours near Soldier's Drove. Horses and a water cart had to be fetched from Elsworth to re-fill the engine and it was not until 11pm that a fresh start could be made. It returned at three in the morning. 10 11 18d

1911 07 14

Sir - A length of barbed wire stretched along one side of Boxworth village green has been the cause of several accidents. Some people have torn their clothes and a man from Elsworth ran against the wire with the result that some of the spikes stuck into his body. A small Boxworth boy named Cyril Smith had both top and bottom lips badly torn and had to stay away from school. As this is on a public green it ought to be removed or replaced with ordinary wire – Correspondent 11 07 14e

1911 08 11

The people of Elsworth need an organ in their parish church in place of a harmonium which has done duty for many years. The new instrument will cost £400, a large sum for a village with 500 inhabitants. Mr Andrew Carnegie has promised to give half of the sum and a bazaar and garden fete was held to raise funds. The male sex were poorly represented due in part to the urgent claims of the harvest field and in part to the sale of Mrs Hooley's property 11 08 111

1911 08 18

An Elsworth labourer recently on his way to work hung his basket of food while he called at his employer's for instructions. On his return he found that a pig had attacked his basket; it had eaten all the food and was running along the street with the empty dish in its mouth. Kind friends came to his rescue, but all that was retrieved was the empty dish. The labourer is of the opinion that hungry pigs should not be allowed to stray about the village 11 08 18k

1911 09 01

Lieut. Barrington Kennett in his aeroplane descended in a field midway between the villages of Elsworth and Papworth, his flight being interrupted by the wind. Many people went to see the machine, a Bristol biplane no.F8 of the Air Battalion. He resumed his flight next morning, six or seven people being interested enough to view the start at 5am. The aeroplane rose gracefully as a bird and was soon out of sight in the direction of Huntingdon 11 09 01h

1911 11 24

A new and beautiful organ was dedicated at Elsworth replacing a harmonium which has done service for many years but was unworthy of the noble 13th century church. The Rev C.W. Tibbitts raised the funds with half of the money coming from Andrew Carnegie. The builder, A Noterman of Shepherd's Bush, has produced an instrument powerful enough to fill the church with its melody and sweet in tone. The pneumatic action causes it to answer instantaneously to the touch of the player 11 11 24a

1912 09 27

A hay stack and some straw belonging to Thomas Steadman, butcher, Elsworth, was destroyed by fire. Mr John Judson, who was thatching the stack, accidentally caused the blaze by placing his pipe, which he had been smoking during his dinner interval, in his pocket without having first knocked out the burning tobacco. On resuming work he laid his coat on the straw and was soon horrified to discover that the stack on the top of which he was engaged was well alight. Mr Judson did his utmost to beat out the flames, and in doing so burnt his face. Two nearby corn stacks were for a time in serious jeopardy but were fortunately saved by the smart action of a party of Boy Scouts on their way to Elsworth. 12 09 27k

1913 02 14

Caxton licensing cmte object to Gamlingay Three Horse Shoes, Elsworth Three Horse Shoes & Bourn King William IV

1913 03 14

Magistrates discussed pubs at Bourn. The King William was a beerhouse and belonged to Messrs Phillips of Royston It was built of plaster and thatch with four rooms downstairs, one sub-let as a butcher's shop. The tap-room was very small. The Greyhound, a fully-licensed house opposite was a much better hour while the Golden Lion had much better accommodation and stabling. The Duke of Wellington beerhouse was also better constructed. The population was 655 with 108 children on the school books. Gamlingay Three Horseshoes, Elsworth Three Horseshoes, Papworth Everard Kisby's Hut destroyed by fire

1913 06 13

An Elsworth poultier testified that he came out of the Dolphin Yard, St Ives, paid two pence for the toll and asked the gatekeeper to let him through. But the man refused, claiming he'd owed another eight pence for arrears. So he gently pushed the gate open at which the keeper threatened to strike him. He had been through the gate for some years. He did not owe eight pence but there was two pence owing for a pig he took through for a Mr Braybrook. The man had no right to shut the gate after the toll had been paid, any arrears should be recovered in court. 13 06 13 p9 CIP

1911 10 31

A little child named Albert Wayman, aged one year and seven months, went missing from his home at Elsworth. Search was made on all sides but the little one could not be found. At length his voice was

faintly heard coming from well above the searchers' heads. The previous evening a 30-round ladder had been left resting against an apple tree and the baby had managed to climb to the top rung. An aunt climbed up to the rescue, but half-way her courage failed. Then the mother mounted and safely brought her child to the ground 11 10 31 p12 CIP

1913 11 14

Public houses compensation awards: Melbourn Tailors Arms, Over Sow & Pigs & Black Horse, Dry Drayton Five Bells, Gamlingay Three Horse Shoes, Elsworth Three Horse Shoes, Bourn King William IV, Girton White Horse, Cottenham Red Lion, Willingham Black Lion, Shakespeare Newmarket Rd

1914 07 02

Lightning strikes houses Histon, St Ives, Kingston, Toft, Comberton, Wimpole, Elsworth

1914 09 11

Enlistment – Lolworth, Boxworth, Over, Bourn, Linton, Cottenham, Elsworth, Swavesey, Bottisham, Longstanton, Sawston, Comberton, Waterbeach

1914 09 18

Village enlistment – Newton, Quy, Ickleton, Gransden, Boxworth, Fen Drayton, Elsworth, Abington, Willingham, Linton, Histon, Conington

1914 11 06

Belgians – Littleport, Burwell, Chatteris, Duxford, Comberton, Sawston, Elsworth, Fen Drayton, Swavesey, Fordham, West Wickham, Wicken, Gamlingay, Willingham, Madingley, Isleham, Landbeach, Linton, Lode, Oakington,

1914 11 13

Belgian refugees – Carlton, Waterbeach, Bassingbourn, Sawston, Willingham, Horningsea, Elsworth, Fowlmere, Ickleton, Cheveley

1915 11 10

Women manure-spreading on Avenue Farm, Elsworth – photo – 15 11 10e

1920 01 07

Rats Killed, Up to December 3rd last the number of rats killed in the county and paid for by Cambs County Council under the Rats Order, was 35,516. The districts concerned were: Little Abington (number of rats killed 504), Ashley (980), Balsham (2,718), Borough Green (358), Bottisham (999), Cheveley (631). Chippenham (838), Great Chishill (322), Croxton (225), Dullingham (1,205), Duxford (754), Elsworth (39), Fordham (8,072), Fowlmere (489), Harston (322), Hauxton (186). Heydon (1,593), Hildersham (236). Horseheath (324), Ickleton (1,095), Isleham (3,809), Kennett (1,422). Kirtling (396), Knesworth (549), Linton (584), Lode (548), Melbourn (442), Newton (160), Pampisford (429), Sawston (332), Shepreth (313). Shudy Camps (1.38), Snailwell (786), Soham (2,896), Stetchworth (1,105) Swaffham Prior (1,032), Thriplow (464), Waterbeach (967), West Wickham (995), Whittlesford (324), Great Wilbraham (846), Wood Ditton (2,017).

1926 02 15

Cambridgeshire Rural Community Council resolved to purchase three four-valve loudspeaker wireless receiving sets at £20 each, to be sold to villages. They also asked the Women's Institute to sponsor a set, and they had recommended the villages of Orwell and Elsworth. Orwell however, in view of their village hall enterprise, preferred to wait. Ickleton Men's Club had agreed to take one and it had been ordered and would be installed immediately.

1930 07 11

Proposals for the uniting of the benefices of Fen Drayton with Conington and Elsworth with Knapwell due to a shortage of clergy were discussed. But Christ's College was the patrons at Fen Drayton and could dismiss the parson at will; this had been done in when the clergyman was given six months' notice. Clergymen weren't satisfied with £300 a year but a lot of other people had to live and work on less than that for doing six days' work a week. 30 07 11

1932 04 27

A tractor caused a blaze on the farm of Mr John Scambler between Conington and Elsworth. Mr Richard Scambler was engaged in baling straw when the tractor back-fired and ignited a twenty-ton hay stack. A strong wind made it impossible to extinguish the flames. The stack was entirely destroyed and the tractor and baler damaged. 32 04 27b

1933 11 02

The water supply from the open reservoir at the Elsworth end of Boxworth is very unsatisfactory. During the recent summer months it has been very offensive and as a surface well near the school dried up during the drought villagers have had to go half a mile or more for water, the Medical Officer told County Councillors. 33 11 02

1934 02 16

Proposals for the union of the benefices of Fen Drayton with Conington have been approved, despite objections from almost the entire population. Fen Drayton wished to retain services in their own church which had been in use for the last 800 years church. They'd had had a resident curate for 40 years but now it would stand empty for 26 Sunday mornings and 26 Sunday evenings. The aged and sick could not walk to Conington and will be deprived of spiritual aid. There were no objections to the union of Elsworth and Knapwell. 34 02 16

1935 03 21

Briscoe Snelson gave a lecture of exceptional interest on the Ouse and its tributaries, showing several beautiful slides of the scenery. This was a stretch near the Godmanchester-St Neots road where the river ran alongside the rail-road and every morning an enthusiast would wait to race the 'Flying Scotsman' with his motor boat. "Elsworth was a photographer's paradise. It has no traffic problems, is on the bus route and has no petrol pump. It is a typical Cambridgeshire village, and I hope it will not change", he said. 35 03 21a & b

1935 05 03

The water situation at the Elsworth end of Boxworth is very unsatisfactory. Water from the pond by the roadside is practically unusable, some of the inhabitants had to go half a mile for water and a proper public supply is urgent. At Longstowe part of the parish had to depend on water from roofs. This proved inadequate and of unsatisfactory quality. The distance from some of the houses to be nearest standpipe was considerable. It should be a simple matter to carry the pipe line along the village street to the railway bridge with a standpipe provided near the houses on the Old North Road also Kirtling & Over 35 05 03c

1935 08 03

Elsworth cottages destroyed by fire on Furbank's farm – 35 08 03

1944 03 31

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. A. Wayman, of the George and Dragon, Elsworth, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday. A reception was held at which about 40 guests were entertained. A number of gifts, telegrams, letters and cards of congratulation were received.

1944 07 14

Sword of Honour. An interesting ceremony took place at Elsworth on Sunday, when the Lord-Lieutenant (Capt. R.G. Briscoe, J.P.) presented Major B. Brook, O.C. "B" Co. 1st Battalion, Cambs.

Home Guard, with the Sword of Honour, which was won this year by "B" Co. The sword is competed for annually by the companies of the 1st Battalion, and was awarded this year on the results of a competition which included marksman-ship, turnout, general efficiency and a battle platoon competition.

1944 09 29

A Nuisance. Some of the older villagers (at Elsworth) are complaining about a gang of lads who are going about at dusk knocking at people's doors. It is hoped that someone will make an example of one, "so as to stop this nuisance."

1945 07 27

County Council. In addition to a resolution to place on record appreciation of the service of Mr. Ashley Tabrum, who is to retire after 32 years' service as Clerk to the Cambs County Council, the council will have before them on Saturday the names of candidates for the post of County Accountant, consequent on the impending retirement of Mr. A. H. Wooll. The Finance Committee, who have been considering the applications, report that of 27 candidates who applied for the post, the Special Committee interviewed eight, including the Deputy County Accountant (Mr. R. P. Thorne), and they will put before the council for final choice three of the eight —again including Mr. Thorne. The Clerk will also report to the council the resignation of Ald. A. R. Fordham and the members will elect a new alderman to fill the vacancy so caused. From the Local Government and General Purposes Committee comes recommendations that Lt. Col. C. E. Roper, of Low Farm, Elsworth be elected a County Councillor for Elsworth (in place of Mr. E. Ashcroft, resigned), and Mrs. Susannah Crown, of 7 Clarendon Road, Cambridge, be elected a County Councillor for Abbey No. 2 (Cambridge) Division, in place of Mr. E. Darlington, who has resigned.

1947 03 06

Last night's blizzard completely cut off villages around Newmarket and an official of the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company told a reporter: "The position is absolutely hopeless. We can run no bus services to the country whatsoever". All roads to Ely are impassable and drifts piled ten and twelve feet high have bought road traffic to a standstill. Villages cut off by snow included Elsworth and Knapwell. "Neither the mail nor the papers have arrived to-day" an Elsworth resident told the "C.D.N." today. "There are waist-high drifts in the village. The children are having a forced holiday"

1947 06 26

Plans for providing Airey houses at a number of villages in the Chesterton R.D.C. area in lieu of permanent brick houses are being prepared. The Ministry of Health have ruled that during the next 18 months, rural authorities must erect one Airey house per three houses constructed. The architect is preparing revised lay-out plans for the sites at Fulbourn, Teversham, Longstanton and Elsworth. A lay-out plan for Coton, providing for a total of 54 houses was approved. Housing progress up to May 29th 1947 reveals 77 houses completed (includes 31 prefabs, 4 bungalows and 5 Swedish), 136 permanent houses and 19 temporary houses in course of erection

1948 03 02

A dispute over the possible revision of the boundary between Caldecote and Bourn was the subject of a public inquiry at Elsworth British Legion Hall. In 1946 the first parish council for Caldecote was elected and an undertaking entered into that the question of the boundary should receive attention. Caldecote village shop was, in fact, in Bourn parish, together with a number of other houses actually in Caldecote village. There was no dispute that they should be included in Caldecote who had given them telephonic and telegraphic facilities and provided educational facilities for the children. It had also included a special rule to enable the inhabitants to use Caldecote village hall. The point at issue was the inclusion of a factory occupied by Pest Control which was formerly part of the R.A.F. Station, Bourn

1949 02 18

The operation of an express coach service between Eltisley green, Kisby's Hut, Elsworth and Pye Telecommunications Ltd at Ditton Walk, came before the Eastern Area Traffic Authority. The service is operated by Progressive Motor Coaches, and as Pye now propose to make a deduction from the wages of each employee carried, an operating licence is required. Grant of the licence was opposed by Premier Travel Ltd and Whippet Coaches who said they would consume less petrol

1950 04 06

A six-month search to find a girl worthy of the title of Cambridgeshire Village Beauty Queen ended at the Embassy Ballroom with a win for Oakington. The competition was organised by Mr Leo Neaves to raise money for the Cancer campaign. The winner was 17-years-old Mrs Vima Stearn who received a CDN Challenge Cup, an inscribed bannerette, a scarlet and white swimsuit and a tray. The second prize went to Miss Balsham, June Morley, who received a silver-plated dish. Miss Duxford, Pauline Warner, came third. Her prize was a handbag. A special prize for the best figure went to Sheila Leftley of Elsworth who secured the much-coveted prize of nylons.

1950 08 31

The post office proposes to introduce the 999 scheme for emergency calls as from today at exchanges in the areas of Bottisham, Comberton, Cottenham, Elsworth, Shelford, Haddenham & Waterbeach. The system enables a caller by dialling 999 instead of 0 to secure the special attention of the exchange operator for emergency calls. Special equipment has been installed at the exchange so that when 999 is dialled an emergency lamp and loud buzzer will indicate to the operator that the call is especially urgent.

1954 04 20

More than 13,000 spectators flocked to Elsworth to create an all-time record for a scramble meeting held by the Cambridge Matchless Motor Cycle Club. A programme which included Moto-Cross, international and works team riders together with the new course at Lawn Farm allowed riders to return particularly fast times. Local international Brian Stonebridge provided the fastest lap while Phil Nex recorded a six-lap record. Eric Luck of the Hunts Falcon Club was one of the local men who put up a brave performance against the internationals.

1954 10 11

The new Church of England School at Elsworth was formally opened. It consists of three classrooms, a hall, staffroom, kitchen and offices and stands on a site of over two acres where a large playing field is being laid out in a setting of particular charm. A building of attractive dimensions and pleasing appearance in brown brick and timbered roof, outstanding features include maximum window lighting and excellent practical furnishing. It replaced old parish schools at Boxworth, Conington and Knapwell where children from the age of five to eleven had been taught by only one teacher. This was not a good thing; there should be two or three to make teaching efficient.

1955 07 19

Motor cycle side-car scrambling came to the area for the first time on Sunday – and what an exciting debut it made! The Matchless Club event at Elsworth proved so exciting and such a spectacular attraction that a special handicap race was held. Brian Stonebridge, the 25-year-old scramble star from Rampton won both. Nothing could touch his B.S.A. 500 combination; he roared into every turn and jumped the bumps at full throttle. 55 07 19

1957 06 11

Scrambling, Elsworth – Stonebridge – 57 06 11

1958 04 08

Stonebridge at Elsworth scramble – 58 04 08

1959 10 15

A Vampire jet trainer aircraft which was formation flying with three others ploughed through electricity cables before crashing on its back in a field at Meadow Farm near Elsworth. Thousands of gallons of foam were poured on the wreckage by members of the Oakington RAF Station Fire Brigade and spectators were told to keep well clear as one of the ejector seats in the aircraft had not gone off and bare electricity cables were smouldering and sparking in the stubble. 59 10 15b

1961 06 23

Elsworth illustrated feature article – 61 06 23 CIP

1962 92 23

Two sets of dilapidated cottages in the village of Elsworth have been bought by the Cambridge Cottage Improvement Society. All but one is occupied. About £3,000 will be required to restore them, although the Society is not considering a public appeal at the moment 62 03 22b

1963 07 18

Elsworth cottages before & after restoration by Cottage Improvement Society – 63 07 18

Walk through Dr John Bryan's Elizabethan home at Elsworth and you will see a Regency pipe organ, an old dulcimer, a Georgian French reed organ originally built with hand bellows and an 18th-century English guitar. Less refined are street pianos on sticks, (usually seen with a waist-coated monkey), hurdy-gurdies and mobile barrel organs. Alongside are some modern instruments he has made himself, including a handsome upright spinet, decorated with marquetry, which took months of work.

1964 01 13

Agricultural production is increasing but the number of land workers is going down. Farm workers were now more like the skilled technicians of the factory and a £10 national minimum wage was not realistic – it should rise to £12, Swaffham Prior agricultural workers unionists say. And toxic chemicals were still a problem – they should only be used under a licence. Ben Brand of Elsworth was presented with a cheque on behalf of the Union in settlement of a claim arising from an accident at work when wheat slid off a stack, knocked him down and covered him. He was off work for 34 weeks. 64 01 13

1964 07 10

Elsworth village life photo feature – 64 07 10

1965 09 23

Bus services in county poor, includes Elsworth – 65 09 23c

1969 12 03

Elsworth village lacks sewers, bury waste – feature – 69 12 03

1974 01 22

Villagers at Elsworth who look to the church clock to get the right time may be unlucky in a few days. For the church authorities are unable to get at the winding mechanism of the clock since thieves stole the key to the tower of the church. Mr Kenneth Hollier said "We can't get into the tower to have the clock wound, so it will start to run down within a few days". The thieves also took the key to the west door of the church.

1976 10 15

Council houses in south Cambridgeshire have suffered structural damage as an indirect result of the drought – and it may cost as much as £25,000 to put it right. Two houses in Elsworth have subsided so badly that the council are in favour of demolishing them. The long hot summer caused clay subsoils to shrink with the result that some foundations have settled and cracks have appeared. Cottenham and Dry Drayton are badly affected. Some houses are rectifying themselves with the wet

weather. Doors which wouldn't shut now will and cracks are sealing themselves up. The committee authorised the underpinning of houses urgently in need of repair.

1976 11 30

The continuing problem of some Elsworth council house tenants who have to use buckets for lavatories has prompted their parish council to back their demands for improvements. Most of the pre-war homes in Brockley Road and Smith Street have no lavatories and no hot water. There are about 16 houses altogether occupied by more than 50 people. The tenants have been campaigning for improvements for years and when sewerage mains work was completed recently they thought modernisation work would begin. So far nothing has happened and councillors fear that work may be postponed again because of the present financial crisis.

1977 11 03

Toddlers at Elsworth at last have their own play group building – an old motorway site office – after months of back-breaking work by their fathers who built the foundations and weekend by weekend installed plumbing and electricity. Previously the children had to share the cricket pavilion but cricket and children don't really mix and equipment had to be carried in and out for each session.

1980 01 04

One of the strangest new shapes in the sky has lifted off the runway with its Elsworth designer, John Edgley sitting next to a test pilot. His aircraft, the Optica, has been nicknamed the Bug Eye because of its odd looks. The cabin is a Perspex bubble and it is designed to have the low-speed capability of a helicopter but be as cheap and easy to fly as a conventional light aircraft, making it an economical observation plane. Its future roles could include powerline inspection, fire-watching, traffic patrol and pleasure flying

1982 12 01

Elsworth is an appealing blend of white thatched cottages and limited modern development. It has a school, two shops, a garage, church and two public houses. Now Elsworth Manor has been converted into four self-contained wings priced between £49,500 and £59,000. Lordship Cottage, an attractive six-bedroomed thatched building, recently modernised, is on the market for £115,000 as is Browns Farmhouse (£69,950) and a modern detached house, 46 Boxworth Road for £68,000. 82 12 01

1985 02 14

The bug-eyed Optica plane designed in Cambridgeshire has won its certificate of airworthiness. It can loiter at under 60 miles an hour, carries three people and is intended for observation work, aerial photography and sight-seeing. It was invented by John Edgley of Elsworth who planned to build it locally. But because of difficulties in finding a suitable site the firm has moved to Wiltshire. 85 02 14a

1988 01 13

Plough Monday celebrations were held at Balsham, Fenstanton and Elsworth where the Cromwell Molly dancers from Great Gransden led a procession of villagers to both pubs, The Poacher and the George and Dragon. They also stopped at a beamed cottage, formerly the Plough pub where, after rolling back the carpet, the dancers sang and jigged to traditional tunes wearing hobnailed boots and decorated clothes. One of the men dressed as a milkmaid – but kept his boots on. At Fenstanton the dancers followed the historical ritual of blacking their faces and donning country costumes before a torch-lit procession from the church to the Chequers, George Inn and the Tudor Hotel. 88 01 13a

1990 01 09

Plough Monday celebrations, Balsham, Fenstanton & Elsworth – 90 01 09a